

Public Safety Commission
FIRE DEPARTMENT
March 19, 2018
MINUTES
COMMUNITY ROOM, MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPT.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Santangelo called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carl Chisem
Commissioner Deb Kleckowski
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Robert Santangelo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mary Bartolotta

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Santangelo asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on January 22nd. Commissioner Pessina moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email thank you from the Torrington Fire Department – Deputy Chief Leary spent a couple of days on the oral interview panel
- Letters of thanks received from Cromwell Fire Department & South Fire for calls during the month of January
- In February major condo fire in Westfield which Middletown assisted with
- Hospital incident occurred in February – Middletown Fire a major player involved

6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Conversation was had with regards to the collaboration between the three fire departments in Middletown and the recent mutual call assistance – Chief Kronenberger stated that the collaboration has been excellent. It was stated that the Battalion Chief for both major calls, condo fire in Westfield and Middlesex Hospital, was Sal D'Aquila. It was also stated that BC D'Aquila did a nice job on both. Members of the commission complimented the job done at the hospital and Chief Kronenberger stated that a good job was done by all involved
- Dead flat – both month to month & year to year
 - EMS calls down by 10%
 - Weather related calls were up sizably
 - Uptake on false alarms – not sure of the reason for this
- Wesleyan University – call volume down for the month
 - Fire Marshals office put about 5.5 man hours of service on campus
 - Alarms Division spent 80 hours on campus
 - Working with them to develop a rescue plan for their theaters – rafter rescue
- Conducted department wide CPR refreshers
- Conducted a hotwash both in the department and city wide of the hospital event with all that had a spot at the command post

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Alarms Division bucket truck
 - Body came in – truck should be delivered within the next couple of weeks
- Private hydrant ordinance – remains on hold, trying to have meeting with Acting Director
- Mutual Aid agreement – minor changes came in from mutual aid partners
 - Working with Legal to come up with one finalized document

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Kronenberger proposed the purchase of a new Marion fire engine:
 - Cost is roughly \$535,000.00
 - Basically the same truck as received in 2015
 - Proposing to take out a lot of the equipment delivered on the 2015
 - Removing hose load reduces the cost by \$10,000
 - Hydraulic rescue tool – Chief wants that piece of equipment to come in with the truck
 - Going to trade in the 2001 Spartan – minimum trade value \$15,000
 - Prepayment credit of \$5000
- Purchase came to fruition from a phone call from Joe Samolis who has CBDG Block Grant funds that he is making available - \$274,000 was the initial amount but an additional \$100,000 can probably be obtained
 - All the necessary paperwork was submitted to Mr. Samolis
 - Small bond would be needed - \$130,000
- Chief Kronenberger asked for support on this and a vote to move this forward
 - Commissioner Pessina made a motion to move this forward, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor
- Chief Kronenberger went on to state that since the bond is relatively low at \$130,000 he would like to seek support to increase the bond by about \$100,000
 - Would like to replace the generator at headquarters which is original to the refurb of the building done in 1982

- Serviced two to four times a year – old & costly
- Commissioner Pessina made a motion to support the bond increase, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and all voted in favor.
 - Generator cost should be under \$100,000 depending on location
 - Chief wants a natural gas generator
 - Chief stated that he will get definitive numbers

9. **Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee**

- Commissioner Chisem stated that the towers were discussed as well as the hospital incident
 - Chief Kronenberger informed the commission that the tower is up at Mile Lane – shelter in place, propane tank in place, and structure of fencing up

10. **Other Matters Not on the Agenda:**

- None

11. **Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Santangelo called for adjournment, Commissioner Pessina moved, Commissioner Kleckowski seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2018